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To encourage the dissemination of research findings of its funded studies, the Resource Center for Excellence in Military Nursing invited current and former investigators to submit a manuscript draft from their TSNRP-funded research for review by one of three widely published authors. Selected manuscript authors received full sponsorship for a one-day publication workshop, held in conjunction with the Phyllis Verhonick Research Course in San Antonio, Texas. The workshop was also opened to other Verhonick attendees interested in learning the nuts and bolts of publishing their research results in professional journals.

Leading the workshop were three eminently qualified faculty: researchers and widely published and authors, Dr. Bonnie Jennings and Lt Col Liz Bridges, and Dr. JoAnn Grif Alspach, editor of CRITICAL CARE NURSE journal. The morning session consisted of lectures and discussion session; the afternoon session provided the prospective authors the opportunity for one-on-one consultation with a faculty member.

At the conclusion of the workshop, the majority of the 18 participants who responded with an evaluation of the workshop, stated they felt prepared to publish a manuscript. Mentioned among the benefits gained from the workshop were, feedback from faculty reviewers on manuscripts reviewed prior to the workshop, introduction to specific writing/publishing website resources, tips for getting started, and faculty support and encouragement.

"The workshop is so valuable, I recommend having it again," commented a participant.